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## REPLY & AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.173

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Sir:

In complete response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Official Action mailed February 26, 2003 (Paper No. 27), but not received by Applicants' undersigned representative until May 1, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend original patent Claims 1 and 16 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of reducing a blood pressure decrease associated with the administration of a liposome to an animal which comprises incorporating a surface agent-modifying lipid comprising a phosphatidylethanolamine